



## **Veterans' Affairs Committee**

Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room – 1st Floor  
City Hall, 255 W. Alameda, Tucson, Arizona

### **Legal Action Report**

#### **1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Bruce Hamilton at 6:00 p.m. Those present and absent were:

##### **Present:**

Gary Ochoa  
Carol Rundell

C.W. Hall  
William Burks  
Henry Johnson  
William Wojciechowski

John L. Grand  
Peter Kane (Advisory Member)  
Joel Stoltz (arrived at 6:05 pm)  
Bruce Hamilton, Chairperson  
Martin Belden  
Melvin Morgan

##### **Representing:**

Arizona Department of Veterans Services  
Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary  
Chapter 2  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 4  
Disabled American Veterans Chapter 26  
Marine Corps League, Marana Nighthawk  
Military Officers Association of America,  
Tucson Chapter  
Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Tucson Airport Authority  
Tucson Jewish War Veterans Post 201  
Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans  
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 106  
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##### **Absent:**

Phyllis Russell  
Lester Craig  
Luke Johnson  
Shaun B. Pfund

Esperanza En Escalante  
Korean War and Korea Service Veterans  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson Veterans Cemetery Group

##### **Staff Member Present:**

Delma Sanchez

City Clerk's Office, Recording Secretary

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Invocation**

The invocation was given by Committee Member H. Johnson.

#### **4. Introduction of Guests**

Bob Slocum, Military Order of the Purple Heart  
Lisette Eckman, Tucson Veterans Day Parade, gave a brief update on the upcoming Veterans Day Parade.  
Terry Byron, Marana Night Hawk 72

**5. Approval of Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from December 12, 2018 meeting**

It was moved by Committee Member C. W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund, P. Russell and J. Stoltz absent), to approve the Legal Action Report and Summary Minutes from the December 12, 2018 meeting.

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Report was given by Committee Member M. Belden, and the financial report was distributed. It was moved by Committee Member C.W. Hall, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund, P. Russell and J. Stoltz absent) to accept the Financial Report.

**7. Consideration/Approval of Members**

**a. Reappointment of Gary Ochoa, recommended by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated Committee Member G. Ochoa was being recommended for reappointment by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 10 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund, P. Russell and J. Stoltz absent) to reappoint Committee Member G. Ochoa to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, representing the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services.

**b. Reappointment of Carol Rundell, recommended by the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services**

Chairperson B. Hamilton stated Committee Member C. Rundell was being recommended for reappointment by the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Cactus Chapter #2.

It was moved by Committee Member J. Stoltz, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0 (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund and P. Russell absent) to reappoint Committee Member C. Russell to the Veterans' Affairs Committee, representing the Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary, Cactus Chapter #2.

**8. Committee Reports**

**a. Southern Arizona VA Health Care System**

Committee Member C. Rundell stated the bowling event this year would be held on March 9, 2019. She indicated that tickets were \$20.00 per person and those not wanting to attend could donate their ticket to a veteran. She asked everyone to volunteer and donate to help veterans. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**b. Tucson Veterans Cemetery**

A report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. He spoke on the importance of getting information out to veterans on filing their DD214 forms and have copies available to their families. He also stated that veterans could pre-register. A Discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**c. Arizona Department of Veterans' Service**

A report was given by Committee Member G. Ochoa. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**9. Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony Update/Discussion**

Guest T. Byron gave an update on the Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony. She stated it was the 76th Annual Memorial Service and would be held on February 3, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. at the Kino Veteran's Memorial Park. Handout was distributed. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**10. Including Military Lounge name to Bylaws Update/Discussion**

It was moved by Committee Member H. Johnson, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 11 to 0, (Committee Members L. Craig, L. Johnson, S. Pfund and P. Russell absent) to change the name to Military Lounge from Military Liason Office in the bylaws.

**11. Military Liaison Office Update/Discussion**

Advisory Member P. Kane stated renovations were moving forward.

No formal action was taken.

**12. Operation Exodus Update/Discussion**

Advisory Member P. Kane gave an update on the Military Lounge. He indicated there were some items that were not very popular at last years Operation Exodus and he would keep that in mind for this year. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**13. Hats Off to Heroes Update/Discussion**

Committee Member G. Ochoa stated the first meeting for Hats Off to Heroes would be held this month. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**14. Recruiting Efforts for VAC Membership Update/Discussion**

Chairperson B. Hamilton opened the discussion by asking what could be done to attract new members/organizations to the Committee other than the letter that he signed and distributed. It was suggested the letter and hand outs be available at other organization events as well as VAC events, and possibly send out personal invitations. A discussion was held. No formal action was taken.

**15. Discussion regarding Mayor Rothschild's attendance at future meetings**

Chair B. Hamilton stated a letter was being sent on behalf of the Committee to Mayor Rothschild and meeting dates for 2019 were included. No formal action was taken.

**16. Report on Current Events: For the Good of the Order**

Reports regarding various upcoming events were provided by Committee Members, H. Johnson, J. Stoltz, C. Rundell, M. Belden and Chair B. Hamilton. No formal action was taken.

**17. Future Agenda Items:**

- Veterans' Parade
- Dealing with water contamination – (will be scheduled in March)

**18. Salute to Colors**

**19. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.